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Sir:

This is in response to a Notice of Abandonment dated 13 August 2002 and in pursuance of Applicant's apparently vanished response of 27 March 2002 to the Official Action of 3 January 2002. (A copy of that response was despatched to the Patent & Trademark Office by telefax (703-746-7273) on 24 July 2002 in pursuit of several telephone conversations between Examiner Caputo and the undersigned attorney during June and July.)

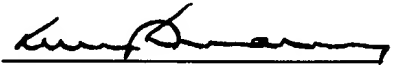
As set forth in the response, the Official Action of 3 January 2002 does not relate to the instant application and it is respectfully submitted that the Patent and Trademark Office, instead of issuing a Notice of Abandonment, should have issued a corrected Official Action to afford Applicant an opportunity to address whatever issues might have been raised therein.

In the circumstances the Notice of Abandonment would appear to have

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been issued prematurely. Applicant, therefore, courteously requests that it be withdrawn and replaced by an Official Action relating to the instant application to which a proper response may be timeously filed.

Respectfully submitted,

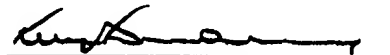


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